

Tonsilitis, Sore Throat, Chest Colds, Can Be Cured Over Night

They Vanish Quickly if Nervine is Well Rubbed in

When the throat tickles, when you feel as if a knife were stuck in your side, it's time to draw out the congestion.

An ordinary cough syrup has no claim at all; you require a powerful nervine liniment.

Nothing is known that possesses such power as Nervine.

Rub it liberally over the sides and throat—rub it in hard.

The warm, soothing effect of Nervine will be apparent in five minutes.

Nothing like it for quick relief—

takes soreness out of the throat in one rubbing—breaks up the cold, draws out the inflammation, stops the cough.

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The government will pay twenty-five per cent of the cost of the trial size.

Sold by dealers everywhere, or the Catrashoone Co., Kings

ton, Canada.

Disease Kills Most

Astounding Figures Given by a Doctor in Regard to War

Ninety per cent of the deaths in the present war are due to disease, and a staggering 80 per cent of these are the figures compiled by Dr. F. N. Sandwith, writing in the *London Daily Mirror*, who has been minded during the Russo-Turkish war of 1912-13.

In the Boer war the losses from disease were enormous, notwithstanding the efforts of military doctors there then in force.

The Japanese, however, during 1912-13, seem to have been exceeding the most scrupulous care, to reverse the ratio. In the case of the Japanese one man died of disease to every four who died of wounds.

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Asthma Remedy is a wonderful curative agent. It immediately relieves the respiratory distress, and the patient can testify. It is sold by dealers everywhere.

TO COMPENSATE LOSSES

President Polkane Signs Decree Opening Special Credit of \$600,000,000

President Polkane has signed a decree opening a credit of \$300,000,000 francs (\$40,000,000) to meet the most urgent needs of war, which party has been destroyed as a result of war.

Official statistics give the number of applications for government aid as 2,000,000, and 1,500,000 have been refused. At present daily allowances are paid to 1,857,000 persons, the average amount being 10 francs per day, or one franc per day per head of family (4 francs). The daily outlay is \$3,000,000 francs (\$750,000).

Minard's Liniment Cure Garget in Cow.

Minnard's Little Helper

With unceasing care came to dinner, little Betty was told yesterday that she and mother would have to leave home to go to the oysters. The young lady was much fatigued at her share in this sacrifice to the cause of health, but nevertheless I tried many tonics, but kept growing steadily worse, until at last my doctor pointed out when she found one small addition to her plate. Holding it up on a spoon, she declared in a stage whisper, "Mother, shouldn't Mrs. Smith have that oyster, too?"

Holding the Batteries

In West Australia, the Agricultural Bank has rendered valuable service. Up to now, it has been the chief bank to assist settlers to purchase stock, plant implements and machinery, and to carry out improvements generally on their holdings. Interest is paid on the loans, and the interest on loans are repaid they are made available for others.

Does Your Scalp Itch And Hair Fall Out

Two of Two Receipts

Two of my acquaintances have just provided a recruit apiece for the army. Their husbands (both poor) are members of the parliamentary recruiting committee's letters and forms, and being unable to get recruits, the trouble handed the matter to the doctor. He advised me to go to the doctor and distract a few days later they received orders to go before the doctor again. The doctor said he had passed! The army gains two recruits while two wives get rid of lay husbands and one by one are forced to leave their homes.

"Dad just took three boxes of Dadd's Finney Pills to fix me up."

Mr. and Mrs. Mark mentioned kindly pills.

For Six Years This Has She Found a Speedy Cure

Miscrofus, Gloucester Co., N.B.

Miss Lucy was ill.

I was troubled with backache,

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Because of dandruff and eczema?

Cuticura Soap and Ointment

Promote hair-growing conditions when all else fails.

F. Samples Free by Mail

Cuticura Soap and Ointment and the sample of soap and ointment.

Address: Cuticura Co., Dept. U.S.A., 1745 Broadway, New York.

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Fresh Air Healthy!

Human Nature is Prone to Ignorance

Essential Truths

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Trade Making Industry

British Government Will Assist Financing of Company to Manufacture

A modified plan for the development of the British trade making industry supply English with dye stuffs formerly imported from Germany, was announced by the board of agriculture. The plan will be undertaken under the supervision of a company to be formed with a capital of £1,000,000, which will be put up by the government and private investors.

The government is prepared to advance a pound for every pound subscribed, up to a maximum of £1,000,000, and the cost of administration will be put at 1 per cent.

The government advance will bear interest at 3 per cent, the rate of 2 per cent of additional interest.

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BASSANO, THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1915

Tax Enforcement Returns

The town of Bassano is about to proceed with the "tax enforcement returns" to relieve the present embarrassment in the treasury department. As the proceedings do not appear to be generally understood, The Mail has compiled the following information on the subject.

When the list of lands on which taxes have been allowed to accumulate has been prepared the titles are searched and all parties who appear to hold interest therein are given sixty days' notice and during this period they make restitution with practically no costs being added. It is during this sixty-day period that the tax enforcement returns are usually the most productive of pecuniary results. At the end of the term of notice the list of claims are submitted to a judge of the district court and disputes, if any, are passed upon and the list finally confirmed. This is where the costs begin to mount up. Last year this amounted to \$4.40 per lot.

After confirmation the town is privileged to file a lien against the title. If this is not redressed within one year town receives, upon application to the land titles office, an absolutely clear title to the lands. These properties may be disposed of at the discretion of the council, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Patriotism and Production

All over Canada the advertising campaign of the Dominion government is calling the man on the land to the serious question of production. There are already initial signs of effective results through the "profession" of agriculture and the general recognition on behalf of the public at large of the responsibility of farming a life vocation. Too long has farming been out of "class" and those engaged thereof dubbed as hayseeds and mere laboring men. It is high time that farming was raised to a science and a profession and when such is the case there will be little need to worry over the economic conditions of the country.

Let us jump from the question of farming to that of advertising and its relative value in this campaign. "Advertising Does Not Sell Goods." That is an accepted rule; but it creates a desire to buy, or a mental familiarity, and is effective in making the sale of goods easy. In this "Patriotism and Production" campaign the value of the advertising lies in the increased seriousness with which farming operations will be undertaken. Increased production will mean more money brought into the country. Therefore, a true patriot is the man who by the concentration of his efforts increases in efficiency through extended natural production.

Cute Diplomacy

All along England has been in limelight over her trade disputes with the United States and the general public was quietly waiting to see what would happen to the Dodo. The unexpected happened on Sunday when a French warship reported the Dodo into harbor to be presented to a prize court.

The joke was on the public, as it generally conceded to be a concerted plan of action on the part of England and France so that the responsibility might be shared.

Cute diplomacy.

IRRIGATION CONVENTION MEETS AT MAPLE CREEK

That irrigation is destined to be one of the most important factors in the development of Saskatchewan is indicated by the fact that in the south-west portion of that province, in the vicinity of Maple Creek, there are no less than 276 small irrigation projects covering an area of about 65,000 acres. Some years ago, some stockmen in the district conceived the idea of storing the flood water in the creeks that rise in the Cypress Hills, in reservoirs, and, securing water rights from the Dominion government, began to irrigate certain portions of their land to ensure the production of big crops of grain. So successful were their efforts that others since have turned their attention to irrigation, and are using these small irrigation systems for the raising of grain and other crops.

About this time, in this same district, for the purpose of furthering the development of the country, in the Cypress Hills Water Users' Association, the second annual convention of which will be held at Maple Creek, March 10th. Among the prominent speakers expected on that occasion are E. F. Drake, Superintendent of Irrigation, Ottawa; F. H. Peters, Commissioner of Irrigation, Calgary; B. R. Walker, Commissioner of Irrigation, Edmonton; R. M. Marquis, President of the Alberta Rural Development League, Lethbridge; J. S. Dennis, Assistant to the President of the U. P. R. R.; W. V. McLean, Member of Parliament for Saskatchewan, and other well known persons connected with the Canadian Irrigation Association.

The convention is to be opened at the Alberta law stands at present.

Mr. Justice Sturt finds that what is done is done irrevocably, and some change will have to be made in the act before it can be declared unconstitutional.

As the Alberta law stands at present,

the Justice of the Peace can grant an injunction in order to get the legislation stopped.

The parents state that the girl who was taken back to her home immediately after the marriage, prefers now to have it annulled.

Swift Current people are asking when their new post office is going to be started while Bassano people are asking when their new post office is going to be finished.

HUTTON

The farmers from this district have come to the rescue of their seed grain from Bassano and Dauphin.

Charles Donald and L. J. Kemp returned on Sunday from business trip to Castor.

M. L. Smith returned Wednesday from a trip to Medicine Hat where he went two weeks ago to bury his wife. In the two weeks Mrs. Smith lived at Hutton, and was greatly comforted by the kind treatment she received.

Tom Ford and Geo. Harrington returned on Sunday from a business trip to Hutton.

The dance that followed the meeting of the Berry Creek Agricultural Society, at Hutton, was largely attended and a good time was had by all.

Frank Lloyd went to Bassano Sunday to meet Mrs. Lloyd, who has been spending a few months down East.

COLORADO COLONY NEWS

The dance held at H. J. Scholten's proved a great success, with thirty-six people attending.

The German organization and elected G. B. Brumle as Pres. - London, W. F. Brown as Sec.-Treas. They have increased their number to six pieces: F. J. Claassen, T. Rosenthal, and a man and a woman bass drum. The boys say they are now ready to fill all engagements.

There will be another dance at H. E. Stepp's barn on the evening of Monday 3rd. A good time is assured to all who attend.

J. S. Schubert and W. F. Brown made a business trip to Calgary the latter part of last week.

MARRIAGE MUST STAND.

Once entered a marriage in Alberta cannot be annulled whatever the marriage reservation prescribed before hand.

This was the gist of an important judgement handed down by Mr. Justice Sturt in the supreme court, Calgary, last week, in the case of Miles against Burns, in which the parents sought to have the marriage of their sixteen-year-old daughter annulled on the ground that the 22nd section of the Alberta Marriage Act was violated.

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MIXED FARMING LAND FOR WHEAT LAND

I have some excellent farms in the Olds district, proven to be the best mixed farming district in Alberta, close to school and town, to trade for wheat farms in the Bassano and Brooks district. Can give possession this spring if taken at once. Write to H. A. CROSS.

2024-35th Ave. West, Calgary, Alberta.

GOING WEST

No. 1..... 21 1/2 o'clock.

No. 2..... 18 1/2 o'clock.

GOING EAST

No. 2..... 4 1/2 o'clock.

IRRICANA LOCAL

Leaves Tuesdays and Saturdays at 3:30.

Arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 17:45.

EMPRESS LOCAL

Leave Wednesday at 7:00; arrive at 20:40.

HUTTON STAGE

For Hutton, Favon, Rose Lynn, Sunny Nook and Stoppington; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY STAGE

Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

JOHN STOCKS, Deputy Minister, Department of Public Works, Edmonton, Alberta.

TOWN OF BASSANO, ALBERTA

Applications for Auditor 1915.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Auditor of the Town of Bassano on Saturday, March 19th, 1915, for the position of Auditor of the Town of Bassano for the year 1915, at a salary of \$100 per annum.

Full information as to the duties, etc., may be had on application to the Town Hall.

GEO. R. BOND, Secretary-Treasurer, Bassano, March 2nd, 1915.



NOTICE TO STEAM ENGINEERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that examinations will be held at the auditorium of the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd., at appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers for the Province of Alberta:

Bassano, March 24th, 1915, Alberta Hotel.

Carstairs, March 25th, at Carstairs Hotel.

at 9 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of giving Engineers and Apprentices an opportunity of qualifying for Certificates under the Act.

Persons not already registered in the Province who may desire to apply for the examination may do so by applying to the Department, or to the above named examiner, who will be present at the examination. The certificates will be properly filled out, witnessed, and will entitle the holder to a Commissioner of Justice of the Province when an examination is granted.

JOHN STOCKS, Deputy Minister, Department of Public Works, Edmonton, Alberta.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

W. J. Robinson, Agent for Rumely Engines and Repairs. Have for sale two 16 h.p. and one 8 h.p. Old engines, or will trade for grain or livestock.

FOR SALE
Four-bred White Wyandotte Cockrels from best imported stock.

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FIRE ALARM CALLS.

Ward 1 (west of 4th St. and south of 4th Ave.)—Five bells, pause, then five more, etc.

Ward 2 (West of Fourth St. and north of Fourth Ave.)—Six bells.

Ward 3 (East of Fourth St. and South of 4th Ave.) Seven bells.

Ward 4 (East of Fourth St. and North of Fourth Ave.)—Eight bells.

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CHAPTER I.

The Shadow of a Fear

A grand old castle looks out across the North Sea, and haunts tolling over the waves. It is the castle of Ravenspurs Point as set forth in legends have done for many generations.

The castle is built of great granite fortress have made history between them. Every doorway, every window, every stone has a record of brave deeds and heroic battles. For the long, long time past five hundred years there has been no Ravenspurs who could tell the tale of the castle's history. There is a record to be proud of.

Time has dealt lightly with the castle. It stands in its original form, probably the most perfect mediaeval castle in the country. The most remarkable feature is still intact. The great iron bull's head which might be worked by a child. A hand turned the great iron wheel, a fast domain of broad acres where the orchards bloom and flourish and the red roses were fat in the pastures.

A quiet family, a hardy family, a family that had been in the same goods, they are strong and brave—quiet, but not lacking in heart behind their barkings at the door.

Surely, then, the Ravenspurs would be happy, but the days of joyousness, the days of mirth, the days of merriment, excepting the beat of the wings of the Angel of Death, that came to the castle, were numbered. No sorrow dwelt there than the hand of time could fail to touch.

And so it was in the shadow of a fear.

No Ravenspurs had ever shirked a way from danger, however great, so long as it was tangible; but there was something about the shadow of death east to water, and caused strong men to start at their own shadows.

For the shadow of death lay heavy on the house of Ravenspurs.

It had come down upon them with one blow, and it had come down in a series of accidents and misfortunes, some cunning and remorseless enemy was bent upon exterminating the Ravenspurs.

There had been no warning given, but one by one the Ravenspurs died until there was not a single member no more than seven of the family remained. The north country shuddered at the thought of what the shadow of death found in the way of the story.

Scottland Yard had taken the case in hand, but still the hapless Ravenspurs waited, and even some of those who survived tales to unfold of marvelous events.

The fear grew on them like a malignant disease. From the first not one single soul had been safe, nor had the murderers left behind. Family members, like themselves, had explored histories with a view to finding some forgotten enemy who had sought to do away with the Ravenspurs had ever been generous and kind, honorable to men and frank to women, and the shadow of a finger on the blot.

"The history of crime no such dark story and ever been told before. Why should this blow fall after all these years? What could the mysterious force hope to gain by this merciless slaughter? And to think against the unknown enemy was in vain."

As the maddening terror descended, the shadow of death became a reality. They were taken to haffie the assassin. Eighteen months ago the word had gone out that the shadow of death would have failed to find entrance. When the last was heard, at last the family was scattered, there was no hope, no rest, no means of entry; and here they waited.

Alas for fond hopes! Within the last year and a half three of the family had perished, and the same strange and horrible fashion.

There was Richard Ravenspurs, a young man of twenty-four, who had the house, with his wife and boy, in the castle. He had been found dead in his bed, poisoned by a bitter lemonade; his wife had walked into the room, and the boy had fallen from one of the towers into a stone quadrangle and been instantly killed.

The thing was dreadful, inexplicable to a degree. The enemy who was doing this work was not to be found. And yet no stranger passed through the castle walls, and the house, with his wife and boy, in the castle. He had been found dead in his bed, poisoned by a bitter lemonade; his wife had walked into the room, and the boy had fallen from one of the towers into a stone quadrangle and been instantly killed.

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There was Rupert Ravenspurs, the last of the line. He was a white-headed man, who had distinguished himself in the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny. He had a son, named Gordon, who some day might succeed him; there was Gordon's wife and son, and also a daughter, named Geoffrey Ravenspurs, who had fallen under the scourge two years ago.

And there were the two, Mrs. Charles, the orphan daughter of Charles Ravenspurs, who had died in the last few years, and her son, Mr. Charles, who was there, the child of a former princess, who had married a man who had inherited the dark beauty and soft glories eyes that made her beloved of the whole family.

CHAPTER II.

A strange tale surely, a hideous nightmare, and yet so full of reality. On by day they were being cut down by the malignant destroyer, and on by night they were being pursued by the shadow of death. It seemed impossible to fight against the desolation that always followed darkness, and never struck in vain.

Rupert Ravenspurs looked out from the window, and saw the sun rise from thence to the trim lines of trees that stood alone in the bracken. The deer stood knee deep in the bracken.

A deep sigh burst from the old man's lips, and his lips were in his eyes. Not that he feared for himself; he had no fear, but he gazed upon his head, and his life's work was done.

It was others he was thinking of. The bright bars of the setting sun were reflected in the great couple who had come to the rescue of brave deeds and heroic deeds, of right for the long, long time past five hundred years there has been no Ravenspurs who could tell the tale of the castle's history. There is a record to be proud of.

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C. P. R. Improvements

Huge sums to be spent by the Company in the West this year.

Mr. Grant Hall, the newly appointed vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has made the following statements regarding the extensive developments under way in the West during the next few years:

"In 1908," he said, "the Canadian Pacific in the West has taken over for operation 3,038 miles of new lines, and will add another 1,000 miles in 1909."

"The old gentleman discovered the shadow of death in his heart, and he did not know why we did as we did—why we did not make up our minds to do what we wanted to do."

"I know more or less about the shadow of death, but I don't know exactly what it is."

"Beastly technical you know. Perhaps you'd better take a rather carefree attitude."

"It's probably he expected us to do well, but he took a very dim view of us."

"French," said the other, "you'll have to be a good engineer all over the country, and you'll have to be a good soldier."

"It is the intention to push vigorously forward the work on the Rogers Pass tunnel, which is now about half completed, and probably will be finished in 1910."

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Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dasher returned this week after spending the winter visiting at the old home in Indiana.

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J. S. Mayer has been in Brooks this week appearing on behalf of the town of Brooks in the investigation of civic affairs being conducted before Judge Carpenter.

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The Catholic Church is giving the annual Lenten Supper on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th. Tickets are now being sold for the event.

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John T. Allen is moving from his former location to the Exchange Stables and will conduct his business in future from that headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Pattin were passengers to Calgary on Sunday. Mrs. Pattin will remain in the city for a few weeks at the guest of Mrs. Norman S. Rankin.

Work on dismantling the Knight Sugar factory for removal to Brooks, U.S.A., was begun yesterday Monday morning. The men were paid off but no particular has been given out. It is believed that the government stepped in and demanded a show-down in view of the fact that they were giving special concessions by the government and exemption from taxation for twenty years.

Perhaps the most important item of Business the Board of Trade has had since its formation is the resurrection of the old educational society organization. At the regular meeting held last night the proposed purchase of the electric light plant by the town was voted down. The motion was carried to wait until all particulars are available before placing the body on record either for or against the scheme.

New Spring Suits, \$15.—Torgan.

The charge of near treason against Fritz Thaden, one of the Hussar Germans, and a man well known in Bassano, has been quite a subject of interest during the past week. Thaden was sent up for trial, while his wife and two sons, who were German soldiers, were held at the Lethbridge military detention camp. The case when finally heard will involve several witnesses from Ontario.

Every \$1.00 cash purchase entitles you to a draw on Pierce Bros. \$75.00 Kootenay Range being given away during the big sale.

A certain mystery appears to surround the whereabouts of the man, Boswell, of Bassano, who committed suicide south of Brooks a little over a week ago. It appears that he was in Bassano on Feb. 18th., and anyone who may have been in conversation with him on that date will kindly inform The Mail of same. The remains were taken to his former home at Ponty Poc, Ontario, for burial. Mrs. Bowen and children accompanied the remains.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce is this spring supplying a number of farmers in the several nearby districts with enough seed corn to plant an acre of land. The corn is being planted in the year's sunflower land and the grain is being supplied by the bank. The bank is supplying the seed and assisting the farmers to plant this crop to see if one whether or not fodder corn can be grown on land which has otherwise failed all year, and may reduce the yield of the land the following year. The growth of corn as a summerfall crop is done in great many places, but it remains to be proven whether it can be successfully grown in this part of the country. If it proves a success it will result in a great benefit to the farmer who goes in for stock, as corn makes a splendid fodder for cattle. The way the banks are getting farmers in parts of the district to plant a small patch of corn should make a first-class test as to whether the plan will prove a success or not.

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The local Rebekahs have decided to hold their annual ball in Robinson's Hall on the evening of Easter Monday, April 6th. Invitations will be issued in the course of a few days.

Miss Lindblad, who had been spending a few weeks at the guest of her uncle, H. W. Pattin, left on Friday evening for Los Angeles, California, having spent the past three months on a trip to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and other cities.

New Spring Suits, \$15.—Torgan.

The government seed grain has been distributed from Bassano this week and has brought a large number of farmers to town. Feed oats will be distributed from Bassano between March 4th. and 20th.

Suits cleaned and pressed, \$1.50, at Torgan's.

Mr. R. E. Parkyn and family arrived from Amesbury, Nebraska, to take up land in the C.P.R. at Bassano. Mr. Parkyn had to sell all his stock before leaving Nebraska, as on account of the foot and mouth disease there could be no stock imported into Canada.

A second debate was held in the Bassano school on Friday afternoon, when the affirmative side won the argument of "Resolved: That city life is more enjoyable than rural life." Misses Miller and Walter Bond took the affirmative side and Dorothy Mitchell and Emilie Desharnais took the negative. The judges were Harry Bennett, Gladys Wyatt and Ethel Talkington.

INTERESTING LECTURES.

Mr. Ottewell, head of the Extension Department of Alberta University, gave the first of a series of lectures in the Bassano Presbyterian Church last Wednesday evening. The subject of the lecture was "Russia," spoken by Mr. S. Strange, chairman of the school board. Mr. Ottewell spoke very briefly on the main points of the country figures which were staggering. The causes fall naturally into two groups, the one being the introduction to an open barrel of gunpowder. The other set was the spark that caused the explosion. The two main culprits—were the ambitions of Austria, Serbia and Russia, the number of people in the country and the system which grew out of these. The underlying conditions were very grave and most unfortunate. The country has grown very rapidly from comparative insignificance to the position of a world power. She has, however, been educated and has, in consequence, developed a very severe case of swelled head. Germany, too, has been educated and has outlived her usefulness, and should make way for younger and more virile nations. The German Empire, as it stands, is particularly considered a robber state, and the very existence of such a nation is a most formidable obstacle to German ambition.

For more than a generation the entire educational system from kindergarten to the university has been used to develop a particular type of mentality. The school teacher, the parents, the church, the chosen people and that they were destined to rule the world. They were told to do their duty and that was right. A weak nation, by virtue of its weakness, was in the wrong if it opposed them.

The present war will determine whether German "Kultur," with its infinite militaristic ideas, its individual, its militaristic ideas, its idea of an enormous importance of the state and the individual, or the individual, individual shall dominate the world; whether the British ideal of fair play and the American ideal of democracy. The lecturer showed a large number of lantern slides showing the effects of German policies in Belgium and France. Cities and towns in ruins, wrecked dwellings, crowds of refugees, etc. The number of Belgians taken. Half the population of Belgium—some three million souls—are wandering about, destitute and homeless, with a roof to shelter any one of them at night. At the close of the lecture Mr. Strange, on behalf of the audience, thanked Mr. Ottewell for a very convincing lecture.

The second of these lectures will be given in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening of this week, Mar. 6th., commencing at 8 p.m. The subject will be "Russia and the War." The lecture will be taken by Prof. Edwards of Alberta University.

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